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COUNTRY USSR	PLACE ACQUIRED USSR		APPROVED FOR RELEASE HISTORICAL COLLECTIONS DIVISION HR-70-14 4-18-2012
SUBJECT COMPOSITION OF A SOVIET TANK DIVISION			
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APPRAISAL OF CONTENT (TENTATIVE) 3			
SOURCE (EVALUATION DEFINITIVE) A RELIABLE SOURCE			
1. A SOVIET TANK DIVISION HAS THE FOLLOWING COMPONENTS: A. DIVISION HEADQUARTERS (UPRAVLENIYE) B. TWO MEDIUM TANK REGIMENTS C. ONE HEAVY TANK REGIMENT D. ONE MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT. THIS REGIMENT HAS AN ORGANIZATION SIMILAR TO THAT OF THE MOTORIZED RIFLE REGIMENT OF A MOTORIZED RIFLE DIVISION. E. SEPARATE TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION F. HOWITZER ARTILLERY REGIMENT (GAP) G. AAA REGIMENT (ZENAP) H. SEPARATE ROCKET BATTALION (OTDEL'NYI REAKTIVNYY DIVIZION) I. SEPARATE RECONNAISSANCE BATTALION J. SEPARATE ENGINEER BATTALION K. AUTO TRANSPORT BATTALION L. CHEMICAL DEFENSE COMPANY M. MEDICAL BATTALION			
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2. THE MEDIUM TANK REGIMENTS ARE COMPOSED OF THREE TANK BATTALIONS CONSISTING OF THREE TANK COMPANIES OF THREE PLATOONS. THERE ARE THREE TANKS PER PLATOON, TEN TANKS PER COMPANY, FOR A TOTAL OF THIRTY-ONE TANKS IN A BATTALION. THERE ARE 94 TANKS IN A REGIMENT. THE PERSONNEL STRENGTH OF THE REGIMENT IS 900. IN THE REGIMENT THERE IS A 37-MM SELF-PROPELLED AA GUN BATTERY WITH FOUR WEAPONS.

3. THE HEAVY TANK REGIMENT CONSISTS OF THREE TANK BATTALIONS, EACH WITH 31 TANKS, AND A 37-MM SELF-PROPELLED AA GUN BATTERY WITH FOUR WEAPONS. TOTALS FOR THE REGIMENT: 94 TANKS, 900 PERSONNEL, 4 AAA MOUNTS, 3 AMPHIBIOUS TANKS.

4. THE SEPARATE TANK-DESTROYER BATTALION HAS THREE COMPANIES, EACH WITH THREE PLATOONS POSSESSING THREE SAU 122 ASSAULT GUNS. THE STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION IS 250 MEN AND THERE ARE TWENTY-SEVEN SAU 122 ASSAULT GUNS IN THE BATTALION.

5. THE HOWITZER ARTILLERY REGIMENT CONSISTS OF THREE BATTALIONS, EACH WITH THREE BATTERIES. THERE ARE FOUR WEAPONS IN EACH BATTERY. THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF THE REGIMENT IS 700 MEN AND THERE ARE THIRTY-SIX 122 -MM HOWITZERS IN THE REGIMENT.

6. THE AAA REGIMENT CONSISTS OF FOUR BATTERIES, EACH WITH TWO PLATOONS. THERE ARE THREE 57-MM AA GUNS IN A PLATOON. THE STRENGTH OF THE REGIMENT IS 500 MEN AND THERE IS A TOTAL OF TWENTY-FOUR 57-MM AA GUNS IN A REGIMENT. [] COMMENT: THERE MAY BE ZSU-57-2 DUAL 57-MM MOUNTS.]

7. THE SEPARATE ROCKET BATTALION CONSISTS OF TWO BM-24 BATTERIES, EACH WITH SIX MOUNTS. THE STRENGTH OF THE BATTALION IS 190 MEN, AND THERE ARE TWELVE BM-24'S IN THE BATTALION.

[] COMMENT: EVALUATION REQUESTED OF ARMY.

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